



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. STEPHEN

*Embracing Villa Maria and
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Weekend of January 19/20, 2019

Planning weddings is a stressful business. There are the questions about who to invite and who doesn't make the cut; decisions of venue for the ceremony, clothes, photos and the reception; and choices about the menu and the music. There is a lot to organise and most of these choices are dictated by money – how much can the families afford? What fits within the budget?

You can imagine the parents in this weekend's gospel being very embarrassed by the shortfall in planning because the party has run short on drinks. There are a few choices: they could send everyone home; buy some more wine if they could find a shop that was open; or hope that some of the neighbours have a reasonably full cellar. The mother of Jesus (Mary is not named in John's gospel) comes up with a rather inventive plan that saves this family from any embarrassment or shame. Jesus provides the wine for the feast which is quickly identified as the best wine of all. This wine wins the gold medal.

John, the gospel writer, refers to this miracle as "a sign" – but "a sign" of what? Water is deeply symbolic in our religious imaginations. Water is so ordinary but also so necessary. Water is needed for life to survive. Our land is dry and hot at the moment. Much of Australia is in drought and experiencing record temperatures in many places. We have seen the effects that drought and ineffective water management have had in the Murray-Darling basin in the past weeks with reports of countless fish dying due to poor water quality. Clean water is important and essential. And we take it for granted until it runs low. We know how dependant we are on drinkable, readily-available water because it is the stuff of life.

The water that Jesus changes is the water used for the "Jewish rites of purification". This isn't drinking water, but holy water in a sense. As we bless ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church, the Jewish people would ritually cleanse themselves before and after a meal.

This water, too, is essential because it helps us express our participation in the life of God. Suddenly, at the hand of Jesus, water becomes wine; embarrassment becomes surprise; shame becomes joy; purification becomes celebration. That's the sign that John refers to because it is a sign of what Jesus' ministry is all about. This is the transformation of the ordinary into the astonishing. This gospel story prompts a question of us: Like the wedding guests, are we ready to be surprised? Or do we just presume that the "same old, same old" remains the order of the day?

At the centre of Christian faith is the hope and anticipation of transformation. Everything old can become new again, and everything ordinary can carry the surprise and thrill of the extraordinary. Above all, this is true of you, of me, of family, of friends, of work, of play, of community, and of the church for that matter. Jesus, the miracle-worker, is only one part of the equation. We need to play our part and be prepared to taste and see the goodness of God. We need to remain at the feast, even after it appears that all the fun has been had. Our taste buds always need to be at the ready to savour the delights of God. This weekend's gospel is a parable against cynicism and self-defeating pessimism. If we think that the world is a disaster and that our society is falling apart, if we believe that the church has lost the plot, if we presume that there is no hope for any of us, then we will surely, sooner or later, be proved to be correct. With that attitude, life will taste as dull as dish water. If, on the other hand, we live in hope, if we are always on the look-out for the surprises of God, if we hold onto the quiet promise of unforeseen possibilities, then we will surely taste and see the goodness of God in the ordinariness of the everyday. Cynicism kills our spirit; hope enlarges our heart. May our hope in the newness that Christ always brings never become diluted or watered-down, but allow our hearts to be festive with the sweet and joyous surprises born from divine delight.

Fr. Anthony

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

Fr Anthony Mellor; Fr Odina Nwadike; Fr Thomas Ismoyo; Deacon Joshua Whitehead

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Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday 9.30am Villa Maria; 11.30am Cathedral

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm
St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley Sunday 9.00am; 12 noon
Villa Maria, Spring Hill Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition

Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm **Benediction** Monday to Friday 12.15pm

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, **pray for us.***

*St Mary MacKillop, **pray for us.***

LIVE STREAMING

A reminder that every Sunday the 10am Solemn Mass is broadcast live via our Archdiocesan YouTube channel archbne.org/bzt. If you can't make it to Mass or you know someone who is housebound, why not invite them to join us via this marvellous technology!

GROUPS VISITING THIS WEEK

We welcome staff from the following schools to Mass and a tour of the Cathedral precinct this week: Trinity College, Beenleigh; St Joseph's, Nundah; St Augustine's, Currumbin Waters; Mary MacKillop, Windsor; and Our Lady of the Way, Petrie.

On Thursday at 2.10pm **Southern Cross College, Scarborough** and 1.30pm on Friday, **St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace** will celebrate Mass for their school staff.

NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WORK

Commencing **Monday 21 January**, necessary maintenance work will take place in the Cathedral. The work is expected to take approximately one week and exclusion zones will be set up around the working area.

On **Monday & Tuesday**, the 10am Mass, Adoration, Exposition, Benediction and 10.30am Reconciliation will be held in the Chapel. Depending on the noise level, potentially the 1.00pm Reconciliation may also be held in the Chapel.

It may also be necessary for other Masses during the week to be moved to the Chapel depending on the progress of the work. Notices will be displayed to advise of any change in location.

We thank you for your understanding and patience whilst this necessary work is being undertaken.

BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

With joy we welcome **Gemma Robertson and Trent Tilley** who were baptised at the Cathedral and **Robert O'Brien** baptised at St Patrick's this weekend.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Caroline McNamara and Anirudh Vij** who were married in the Cathedral this weekend.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Saturday 26 January, we celebrate our national day. Mass will be held in the Cathedral at 11.30am. All are invited to gather to pray for our Country and its peoples. The liturgy for Australia Day is specially designed for this prayer. Mass on the Australia Day public holiday, Monday 28, will be celebrated at 10.30am.

CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES

LEVEL 1 PRAYER TRAINING 2019

CCR Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be offering training on Healing Prayer **Level 1 at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate (in the grounds of St. John's Catholic Church).**

This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays and participants are expected to attend all 3 days -

Saturday 23 March 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 27 April 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 25 May 9.30am - 5.00pm

This Level 1 Course is **open** to all. For more details, fees and registration, please go to :

http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/News/PrayerTrainingLevel1_2019Notice.pdf
or Phone 0432 968 892.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

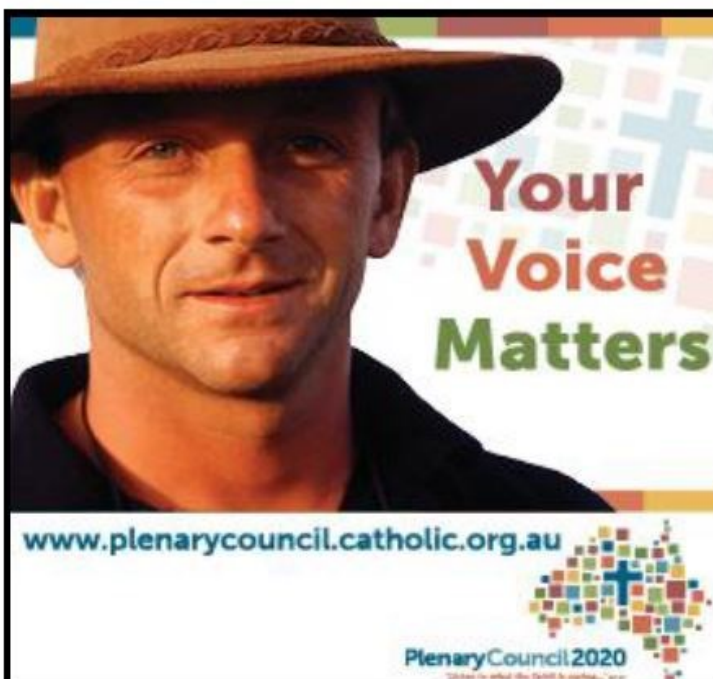
Applications are open for a position at the Goodna Parish. A person with excellent administration and financial skills is required for a part time fixed term contract for 12 months for the position of Parish Secretary working 24 hours a week working 4 or 5 days per week.

Position closes 31 January 2019

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.



What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Do you have something to say?

Then get involved & submit a response



Simply use your mobile phone's camera to scan the QR code to link straight to a submission page – **QUICK & EASY!**

ON ENTERING A CHURCH IN FRANCE

This poster can now be found in all French churches, even in the church of the sender's town (population ~ 400). The translation is: "By entering this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is less probable that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to SEE Him, send Him a text while driving."

Il est possible qu'en entrant dans cette église vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu

Par contre, il est peu probable qu'il vous contacte par téléphone



MERCI D'ETEINDRE VOS TELEPHONES



Si vous voulez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit calme et parlez-lui, si vous voulez le voir, envoyez-lui un TEXTO en conduisant...

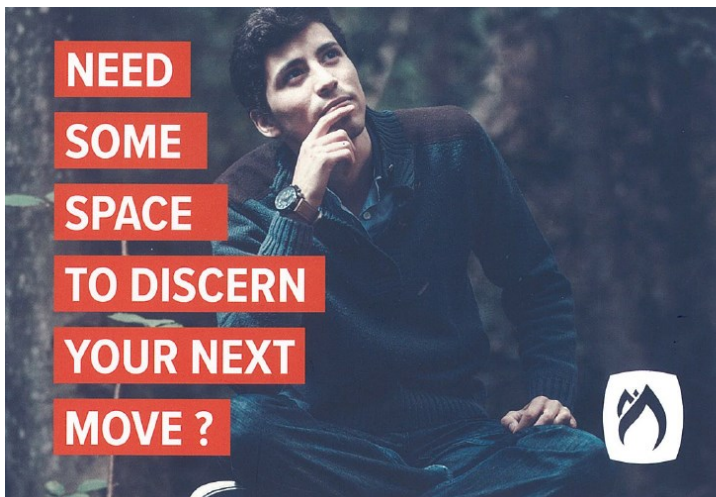
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The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. All Masses will be led by a Cantor.

The Cathedral Choirs are in recess.

	6:00pm (Sat) (Sun) 8:00am, 10:00am; 12:00pm 7.30pm
Processional Hymn	CWB 614
Kyrie	CWB 22a
Gloria	CWB 22b
First Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1-3, 7-10
 <p>℟ Proclaim the wonders of the Lord a-mong all the peoples.</p>	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel Acclamation	
 <p>℟ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.</p>	
Gospel	John 2:1-11
Sanctus	CWB 22c
Agnus Dei	CWB 22h
Communion Hymn	CWB 507
Recessional Hymn	CWB 448



**NEED
SOME
SPACE
TO DISCERN
YOUR NEXT
MOVE ?**



You've heard God calling, what next?

If you're a young man who has heard God's call in your life and you are not totally sure what to do next, you might just need some time to discern exactly how you will respond. Maybe a year of discernment with other like minded guys could be just what you need.

There are many who have considered a vocation to the priesthood that have stayed in **Canali House** the year before they entered the Seminary. Some have gone on to become priests and others are now married, but the process has been well worth it. If you'd like more information please contact us on the details below.

